

Congress Secretary Richard Zarelli (L) reading a statement at Monday's meeting.

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## Congress Stands Firm On Parietal Debate

By BILL MILLER

In an air of calm and determined unity, the Student Congress meeting on Monday night, Feb. 9, gave direction to its preparation for a determined stand on the parietal issue.

As compared with the chaotic state of depression of the previous week's meeting, Monday night was the scene of careful and sedate planning of what student reaction will be to the corporation's decision at their meeting Sunday. A unique attitude of determinism guided the Congress through the affairs of the meeting, which covered a wide range of topics.

Their firm tone, quite evident in a statement clarifying the Congress' position on the parietal bill, cited "the lack of respect and feeling which the administration has for the needs and desires of the student body."

A request was received from academic Vice-President, Paul Van K. Thompson, for the Congress to arrange an open meeting of the student body to introduce to them the results of the Curriculum Studies Report, which was given yesterday to the faculty. This meeting will take place sometime during next week.

There was also a letter read which Fr. Haas, addressing Ralph Paglieri, expressed his belief that the position of the Director of Residence was such that its duties could best be carried out by someone of the pastolic calling a Dominican the present Director of Residence, Rev. John Cunningham, will express his position on parietals in an open meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at seven-thirty in Harkins Auditorium. The major legislation intro-

duced that night was the lengthy report of the Coeducation Committee as submitted by the two senior chairmen, Geoffrey

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## Four Course Curriculum Recommended in Report

The final report on the Curriculum Study Committee has proposed the institution of a four-course core curriculum, the reduction of philosophy and religious studies requirements, and the development of more interdisciplinary courses.

The institution of the four-course core curriculum would allow for only four courses to be taken during any one semester, rather than the five or six courses presently required.

The report noted that courses in a four-course curriculum will require greater student initiative and responsibility in study, reading, and other academic work. It also points out that, quantitatively, 20%-25% more instruction, knowledge, and achievement would be demanded in each course.

Concerning the institution of such a program, the committee suggested that it be "phased in" as stated in the report.

"Since the change-over from our present system to a four-course curricula would require considerable work on the part of the faculty, at least a full academic year would be required beyond the time when it was decided to make such a change-over and the time when it might begin to be phased in by introducing it to an incoming class."

Thus, the new curricula matter would be introduced with a freshman class; the second year, freshmen and sophomores would be in the new system; the third year, three classes would participate in the new system, and in the fourth year, all four classes would be under the four-course system.

According to the report, the advantages of this is that there would be need for final preparation in detail only for one year at a time of the four year sequence during the transition period.

Another significant sugges-

tion of the committee was a new setup for general degree requirements. The committee suggested that a new 20 hour course entitled "Development of Western Civilization" be adopted.

This course would normally be completed in the four semesters of the first two years. Classes would meet five times a week; four meetings would be in a large lecture section and the final meeting of the week would be in smaller directed discussion groups.

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## Study Reports On Need For Co-eds

By TOM COAKLEY

To retain its institution viability in the future, Providence College must, in the opinion of the Student Congress' Coeducational Committee "become a fully coeducational institution at the earliest feasible moment."

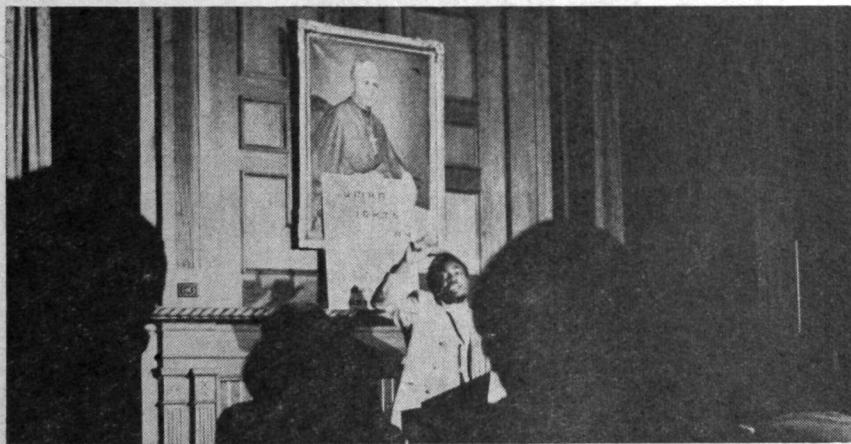
As part of the Coed Committee's thirteen page report "On the Desirability of Coeducation

at Providence College," this conclusion represents the student perspective on the coed issue and will be presented with the rest of the student report and a similar Faculty Senate research document to the College's Corporation for final consideration.

Decrying the theoretical foundations of male education as "neither healthy or exceptional in the 20th century," the committee's report at its outset envisions the unisexual atmosphere here at P.C. as effectively limiting the recruiting and retaining of high quality students and professors and as "stunting" the cultural, social, and physiological development of students presently attending the College.

An indication of the recruit-  
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## Need For Action Shown By Human Rights Observance



The Rev. Mr. John Reynolds makes a point on Human Rights Day.

By MIKE DONAHUE

Human Rights Day, celebrated on the Providence College campus on Feb. 5, was supposedly held to honor the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

After having witnessed the forum held that night in Aquinas Lounge I wonder if we chose to honor Martin Luther King in the right manner as

many speakers mentioned. I wonder what this college community and the state of Rhode Island in general have actually done to improve the human rights of man. From Governor Licht we heard marvelous platitudes about who this man, Martin Luther King, was and what he accomplished. But as one speaker pointed out, we've heard this before, but what in

reality have we done to improve man since King's death. From the Rhode Island House Minority Leader we heard of the model legislation the Rhode Island Senate had passed to help Negroes in their search for better housing and jobs. But what has the State done to eliminate conditions in South Providence, one asks. Until

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## Strong Turnout Received for Evaluation

With two more days of evaluation left, the Faculty Evaluation Committee has already attained more than half of its anticipated student response.

Figures compiled after Tuesday's polling show that a total of 1138 students have participated in the evaluation thus far. The figure represents 50% of the total student undergraduate enrollment of 2273.

The student response shown on Tuesday was down slightly from that received on Monday, when approximately 33% of the students responded to the evaluation. The Faculty Evaluation Committee had originally estimated that a student turnout of 70% would be necessary if the evaluation is to be interpreted as a true indication of student opinion.

The evaluation will again be conducted today and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in  
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## Impressions: Michael Rybarski

# On Civilization by Godard

"Your friend has a favor to ask of you . . . JEAN-LUC GODARD." Brother, Brother, Brother," an angelic-looking girl cries out as a firing squad levels their rifles at her. FILM AS ART. "Where are you going? Oh, I'm looking for a nice place for the execution." Is there a nice place for an execution?)

The above lines are disconnected, and confusing, but they are thought-provoking. If they were combined with visual images and sounds which emphasized, punctuated or contradicted them, one would have an approximation of what Jean-Luc does in a film.

More specifically, Godard uses these techniques of discon-

tinuity, absurdity, and pathos, to create a total work of art, a film which expresses a message which is as clear as the method used to produce it may seem confused. Godard presents the viewer with a looking glass, his films are reflections of man and his civilization. But one should be forewarned: gaze into this mirror only if you want the truth. Because Godard's looking glass offers no illusions, and in this mirror (literally on the wall), man is not "the fairest of them all."

His film, *Les Carabiniers* makes this perfectly clear. In this film, Godard emphasizes the absurdities of man's existence by contrasting it with the reality of war. He presents almost brutal contrasts with what war is described as, and what it is in reality. As his heroes mouth hackneyed clichés about the glory of war, his unlying camera shows only the mutilated corpses of a vanquished enemy. As he quotes different statesmen on the noble purpose of war, his camera reveals only the destruction and ruins of a city leveled by battle.

The contrasts between the real and ideal conceptions of war are exposed through the experiences of two farmers — turned soldiers, symbolically named Michelangelo and Ulysses. In a scene which parallels strongly the temptation of Christ by the devil, two black-garbed messengers of their "friend the King" tempt these two to join the army. They assure our "heroes" that if they join they will become rich. They will be able to have and do anything they want. Michelangelo is uncertain, however. He can't believe it. "Can we have anything, anything at all?" he asks. "Why, of course." "Can we have gold, and diamonds, and can we kill innocents, and can we have new magazines, and pressed pants, and stab people in the back?" The satanic tempters assure him he can. "The king will give you everything you want if you just go to war."

All the language, all the imagery, even the way our "heroes" fight creates the illusion that war is a game. And never in the course of the film do they lose this feeling. Our heroes see nothing but the glory, the richest, the illusion of war.

Although, his characters can't perceive reality, Godard makes sure the audience can. He shows clearly how illusory the soldiers' view of reality is in a fine comic scene in which they mistake a movie for reality and try ridiculously to jump into and onto the screen.

The reality of war, however, is brought home most directly in a scene which shows the execution of a young girl by a firing squad. The girl's face is covered by a handkerchief and she stands there, waiting to be shot, crying, "Brother, Brother, Brother!" As the firing squad raises their rifles, we realize she is not only speaking to them — she is speaking to all of mankind, to us. This faceless person, crying out to her "brother," her brothers who are going to kill her, expresses the pathos which is war as poignantly as any scene in the film.

But the contrast continues. The soldiers home from war with their treasures. As illusory as their vision of the world is, they bring not the riches of the world, but only picture-post cards of them. Monuments, cathedrals, paintings — they hold hold the pictures as deeds to the finest creations of our civilization.

And when they finally throw them about in a wild frenzy, Godard's point becomes clear. They can handle these pictures as nothing, as illusions, because they and the civilization they represent are nothing as long as man still kills. Godard has looked into his looking glass, and seen just how ugly and worthless the lip service which man pays to art, religion and, even to humanity, really is. His looking glass has evaporated the mists of illusion, and shows us what we and civilization really are. Next time you get a chance, see one of his films; look into this mirror, look into reality.

Next week the Providence College Film Society presents perhaps the greatest silent film of all time — D.W. Griffith's classic, anti-war film, *INTOLERANCE*.

## Seasonings: Brian Kirkpatrick

# Defenses Are Down

The sun looks broadly over the fir-bearing hills of California. Nowhere has man polluted the roadside or the currents of air curling around the open spaces. Exposed to those natural elements of purity, naked sun worshippers bathe and read news papers. This mountain resort, The Institute, employs agents to cleanse the minds of guilt-ridden citizens. Gracefully, a green Jaguar XKE introduces Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice.

Bob is doing research on The Institute for a documentary film. He enrolled in a weekend sensitivity marathon and Carol went along for the ride. Perhaps, it may be necessary to reach some kind of honesty with the world also.

The group director claws at each individual's defense plays to unmask buried hostilities and insecurities. Many of the participants find it difficult to admit inadequacies before this group of strangers. Gradually, the common pool of sympathy absorbs each individual problem. One wonders, however, how far this situation differs from a crowd of motorists surrounding a bloody wreck. Is there security in knowing that people sympathize with one's pain?

By the end of the weekend, the intergroup relationships are strong. Respect for other's weaknesses has replaced annoyance and indifference. But the problem is now a transition from the rather limited membership of the group to a wide range of acquaintances left behind. Bob

and Carol's plans most often include another couple, Ted and Alice.

The honesty encouraged by the Institute may have destructive effects on those uninitiated. Ted and Alice are closely attached to their friends but there remains a barrier, the intimacy between Ted and Alice. For some couples may not wish to submit their private affairs to a group consciousness nor do they care to bear the burden of knowing the falls of their friends.

Perhaps most significant is the mechanical analysis of emotions with which one may respond to the session's emphasis on truth. While the intention is for a person to express his natural feelings, at the times when the means of expression is verbal, the subject may reflect beyond his emotions. For instance, in a case in which one of the partners in a marriage has experienced extra-marital sex, the other partner may quickly rationalize his injury as being the result of selfishness. The feeling of loss does not seem connected with love because of its negative connotations.

The film, *Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice*, explores only one experiment in the pursuit of honest interpersonal relationships. Nevertheless, it makes numerous ambiguous statements and one may easily alter the characters slightly to suggest new perceptions. What would have occurred if Ted and Alice rather than Bob and Carol had stayed at the Institute?

## Evaluation . . .

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the annex to Alumni Hall cafeteria. Faculty evaluation co-chairmen Joe Morrissey and Chuck Borkoski urge all students to make every effort to take part in the polls.

As in the past, the evaluation will be published in a booklet form, which will include a sample questionnaire and a statistical evaluation of each professor and course. In addition, the evaluation booklet will offer a general overview of student and faculty analyses of the individual departments.

## Correction

In the editorial section last week, the Cowl erroneously stated that Congress President Ralph Paglieri was "scheduled" to address a meeting of the Corporation concerning the issue of coed hours. The statement should have been corrected to read that "Paglieri was expected to address a meeting of the Corporation . . ." We regret the error.

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## 'No Mandatory Classes' DiNunzio Compromise Approved by Senate

A compromise resolution on the parietal issue was overwhelmingly passed by the Faculty Senate last week.

The resolution, introduced by Senate president Dr. Mario DiNunzio, called for a program to convert existing lounges, study halls, and dorm rooms into quarters for the entertainment of students' guests.

In his introductory remarks, DiNunzio said that he composed this resolution because of the great concern among faculty members on the parietal issue and the possibility of disruption of the academic process.

He also noted that he saw no movement by either side on this issue and took it upon himself to discuss his compromise with students and members of the administration.

DiNunzio suggested his compromise to the Student Congress last week, before the Senate meeting, but the Congress decided to submit its original proposal which called for visiting privileges for women in the dormitory rooms, with closed doors, and the dorm councils regulating the hours which at the maximum would be 1 p.m.-2 a.m.

Concerning administration response, to the compromise, the Senate president said that he had talked about it with several members of the administration and noted that some did hold interest in the proposal though no firm commitment was given.

During the debate on the resolutions, Fr. John Cunningham, O.P., speaking as the Director of Residence, said that he deemed it an "unwarranted intrusion" into the rectors' affairs by the Senate.

DiNunzio agreed that the Senate should not engage in housekeeping, but also said that this situation endangered the entire academic life on campus.

Messrs. Richard Grace, Richard Murphy, and John Henneidy

and Fr. Thomas Fallon, O.P., also spoke in favor of the bill which was passed by a vote of 20-1-2, with Fr. Cunningham recorded as not voting.

The only other significant measure which was passed by the Senate was a resolution calling for the suspension of compulsory attendance in class. It was passed 15-7-1.

A similar resolution was approved by the Committee on Studies and if approved by Fr. Haas, will allow all students, except those on probation, freshmen, and those in courses classified as science laboratories and seminars, to have unlimited cuts.

The resolution also stipulated that this measure would be subject to review by the Commission on Studies and the Faculty Senate at the beginning of the 1970-71 academic year.

## Applications Decline Explained by Mr. Purich

By JIM CRAWFORD

Recent discussions with Director of Admissions, Mr. Robert M. Purich, have revealed that applications for the Class of 1974 will fall below, or, at best, equal those for the Class of 1973. Mr. Purich disclosed that applications have steadily declined in recent years and that next year's freshmen class does not appear to be bucking this generally downward trend.

The Class of 1972 was the first class in five years to dip below two thousand applications and while the Class of '73 advanced slightly, they still were under two thousand. Applicant's for next fall's freshmen class now stand at approximately thirteen hundred and, unless a rapid acceleration is in the offing, it does not appear that the Class of 1974 will come up to last year's performance.

Purich cited several factors which he believes are possibly swaying student sentiment away from attending Providence Col-

lege. Applications to all male and all female colleges are generally on the downswing, while state and co-educational institutions are flooded with young aspirants. Purich definitely believes that co-educational campuses are becoming steadily more attractive to high school seniors. He also contends that P.C. students only talk down the College while speaking to their friends and relatives. Evidently, students home on vacations, or in contact with high school students on another basis, find it acceptable to accentuate the College's poorer aspects, both academically and socially, while neglecting to mention the school's positive characteristics.

Purich also feels that the continued increase in tuition at Providence has hurt applications because the state universities also became more appealing monetarily.

Mr. Purich pointed to the fact that the superior student is still applying to Providence, but

once accepted, he usually fails to attend P.C.

Although admissions standards have not formally been lowered, statistics revealed that the present freshmen class compiled College Board scores significantly lower than their predecessors, the Class of '72. The percentage of student's scoring five hundred or better in verbal dropped from thirty-six percent for '72 to thirty percent for '73, while those scoring over five hundred in math plunged from forty-four percent for '72 to thirty-five percent for '73. Statistics show that the bulk of the Class of '73 scored in the four hundred to five hundred range while the Class of '72 leaned heavily to the five hundred to six hundred category.

The all important high school class rank statistics disclose that a drop of thirteen percent existed from the highpoint achieved by the Class of 1971. For the Class of '71 eighty percent of its members were within the top two-fifths of their high school class, while only sixty-seven percent of the Class of '73 attained ranking in the top two-fifths of their high school class.

Purich stated that the Admissions Office is pressing harder than ever to recruit high school students. Two men are on the road constantly throughout the Northeast attending College Nights and visiting high schools. He added that between eight and eleven states will be visited by these men.

Two seniors, Sam Sferrazza and Nick DiGiovanni, have been added to the Procedural Committee on Admissions and Purich hopes that, with student representation on the Committee, some helpful suggestions might come forth to increase applications.

Mr. Purich stressed the fact that his "office is open at all times to plausible suggestions on how to encourage the quality student to attend Providence." Anyone with constructive ideas regarding this problem is welcome to contact Mr. Purich at any time.

## Dorm Councils Achieve Partial Success in Goals

By TOM LYONS

Dormitory councils, established by election in mid-October of last year, have so far had varying results. To date, only Stephen and Chapin Halls have been given the opportunity to handle disciplinary problems. The largest dent into the substance of dorm councils has been made at Chapin.

Directed by president Jim Roche, Chapin residents pay dues of 50 cents per month. The funds were recently used to finance a lecture by a Providence draft counselor, and will cover the expenses of a lecture by a member of Marathon House on drugs, slated for early next month, and of a date dance scheduled for February 14th. The Council pulled in a profit of over \$60 on their second open mixer, after an initial closed dorm party.

A Student Unity Committee, made up of Roche and a representative from each of the three floors, has attended the past few Student Congress meetings to channel the pending political situation to the residents.

On disciplinary matters, the groups levied a \$5 fine and post-party cleanup details to offenders of the drinking and parietal codes. Most recently a list of corresponding minor fines and violations has been legislated and publicly posted in the hall.

Although most work of the dorm councils has been with the social situation, relationships (and that means female) are still restricted to Friday and Saturday nights. Dorm parties are fairly commonplace and routine on weekends, and this would seem to pose an inherent danger to the "healthy" atmosphere too. As a politically communicative liaison, the only success has been in Chapin, as mentioned, and Guzman Hall where president Paul Jones called consecutive dorm meetings last week in an attempt to

keep the students attuned to the developments in the Student Congress.

Although dorm parties have been projected as successes, it still remains questionable whether the majority opinion of 73% which earlier this year voted social life at P.C. as unsatisfactory at best, has been at all affected. In President Haas's open letter, he cited that Dormitory Councils have never really been tried in most halls. But Don Hummel, vice-president of Guzman, noted equally that the problem consisted chiefly of "imposing one structure on an already pre-existing one." Most of the council members questioned felt that if the Student Congress is not able to make any leeway into the "unsatisfactory situation," it would be at most disappointing for them to even try.

Least successful socially is Stephen Hall, whose facilities for parties are non-existent. Both Raymond and Meagher have held three parties thus far, financed by Carolan Club loans. Admission's fees repay the loan and defray the expenses of beer, soda, snacks, possible damage fees and incidentals. The requirement for a liquor license is bypassed because the fee refers to the admission and not specifically to the beer.

"The majority of girls," according to Meagher social chairman, Thomas Dobruck, "come chiefly from the local area." "Fortunately," states Dobruck, "we have been able to avoid the predominately high school crowd found at mixers." Though only a small minority now come from Salve and Rhode Island College, he hopes to attract more girls from the Newport school and Annhurst. One publicity problem encountered by Raymond social chairman Chuck Billings is that "in order to attract a sufficient number of students, you have to offer beer." But at RIC he's found

that publicity notices mentioning beer have been removed and are not permitted. Whether this can be honestly attributed to the beer alone is a good question.

Dobruck felt that competition from conflicting social events can be traced to the lack of concrete Student Congress regulations, establishing priority among dormitory and other campus events. In planning dorm parties, the councils originally considered limiting the male attendance to the dorm residents, but without full support, the idea would prove financially unfeasible. Student Congress treasurer Jeff Gneuchs noted, however, that so far only one dorm has applied for the \$25 per semester appropriation allocated from Congress funds for each dorm council. "To receive this appropriation, it is necessary for each council to file a constitution with the Congress and Chapin Hall has been the only dorm to bother to file the necessary constitution thus far."

In Joseph Hall, president Jim Martone and his council have been busy furnishing the halls and newly renovated basement lounge. Ideally, the area will be the living room for the dorm rather than the recreational center, and will house future parties, providing the residents with a place for informal gatherings when the rooms prove too noisy or crowded.

Despite that the bounds of the dorm councils have never been fully defined, the opportunity and power has been largely uncontested. As Don Hummel said, "Many people are reluctant to run for council office, since the Congress has pressed for much of what we would like to see and are now up against a wall." If the councils find that they too can not work within the structure as projected in Fr. Haas's open letter, then like Chapin, they must work without.

## PC Glee Club In Concert

The Glee Club of Providence College, under the direction of Mr. Jon Carew, will be host to the ladies of the St. Peter's College Glee Club this Saturday evening, February 14. Directed by Dr. George Hansler, the sixty-five women from Jersey City will be making their debut to the New England area on the Providence College campus with a repertoire replete with compositions of a classical to a popular nature. They will join the Providence men in two works, Cesar Franck's "Psalm 150," and Tchesnokoff's "Salvation is Created." The concert will be presented in Harkins Auditorium at 8:30 P.M. There is no admission charge, and all interested are cordially invited to attend.

## Scotti Lecture

Dr. Salvatore G. Scotti, will present a lecture Thursday, February 19 on Dante's *Divine Comedy*. The lecture, sponsored by the Providence College Italian Club, will be given at 12:30 p.m. in room 109 of the library.

## Congress . . .

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Gneuchs and Robert Weisenmiller. The report was unanimously approved by the Congress.

A bill was also submitted by Richard Marra, class of '72, to repeal the "no compromise" clause of the bill requesting that all rectors be removed from the dormitories. The reason, as stated in the new bill, was not really a weakening of the student position on the issue, but the administration's recent habit of referring to the "no compromise" clause in relation to the Parietal bill at student administration meetings. The Parietal bill contains no such clause. The amended bill was unanimously accepted.

The meeting ended with everyone's sights set on the Sunday meeting of the Corporation, with a determined and united attitude, and with confidence in their decisions.

We were very flattered that Fr. Haas thought so much of last week's editorial that he had his rebuttal printed up and distributed throughout campus. His contention that we were "ill-informed" about "some basic facts and issues," however, deserves comment.

Concerning Corporation restructure, we are very familiar with its beginnings, its progress, and the tentative report of the Subcommittee studying the question. It is not because we are ill-informed about this matter, but rather because we are quite well informed on it that we made the statements we did. The Subcommittee's tentative report on Corporation restructure is a misnomer. If enacted, it would not result in a restructuring of the Corporation, but rather in a realignment of the existing power structure and insure an overwhelming majority of Dominicans on the Corporation. In effect, the weakness of the present setup of the Corporation would only be perpetuated rather than eradicated. This is not to say that the Subcommittee's Report does not have meritorious provisions, but several, such as the one asking for a definite number of places for Dominicans from the Province of St. Joseph, yet outside of the College, are not worthy of merit.

#### **"Principle" Affirmed**

Further commenting on how ill-informed we are, Fr. Haas says that the Corporation did not "in any sense reject" the last two Faculty Senate recommendations. However, the responses from the Corporation in regard to these bills use the terms "that (it) . . . be rejected" (in connection with the bill concerning the absence of a presidential veto) and "rejects" (in connection with the proposal to give the Senate a role in the selection of the president). Fr. Haas says both were affirmed "in principle." But it is not hard to see that if the Corporation was firmly in support of the principle of faculty participation in the selection of the president, then it would have made a much more concrete effort to bring this about on an interim basis while the Corporation was working on new ways to select the college's officers. As far as the bill on the 21 day limit for presidential action, the Corporation's answer was basically doubletalk. The Senate asked that if a bill is not vetoed by the president within 21 days it would be considered operative. The Corporation suggested that the bill be amended to read that if a bill is not acted upon in 21 days it should be considered vetoed. The Senate, with a two-thirds vote, could then appeal the decision to the Corporation. This is exactly the way the procedure stands now, except that the Senate would only have to wait 21 days for an appeal to be made.

Fr. Haas' contention that we are ill-informed is nonsense. Last week's editorial was written because we know quite well what is going on at PC and we wanted to make it very clear that we do not like it.

#### **Traditional Notion**

We find Fr. Haas' final paragraph (beginning "Providence College has never forced anyone against his will to accept its objectives and regulations. Everyone who is here is here freely") particularly repulsive. Veiled by his rhetoric is the traditional notion that "if you don't like it here, you can get out" (like a child saying "it's my football, so we'll play by my rules"). It is this attitude of subtle coercion, the threat of expulsion for dissident behavior which has become the Sword of Damocles hanging over student heads. It is **this** attitude which is causing "distrust and confusion," rather than the student approach. Of course, Fr. Haas' plan here is more than evident. In reverberating the old "get out if you don't like it threat, Fr. Haas is attempting to appease that reactionary element within the college community that stands foursquare against real reform.

It is most ironic that Fr. Haas would imply, as he does in the last paragraph of his statement, that dissidents represent only a small segment of the College community and that there is something of a "Great Silent Majority" that secretly supports the efforts of the Administration. This Nixonian tactic seeks to polarize elements within the college community and isolate those who would upset the status quo by labelling them "radicals" or as a "vocal minority." It is our opinion, on the contrary, that those members of the student body who have shown demonstrable dissatisfaction with conditions as they now exist on the campus represent the vast majority of students. As long as the quiet, yet effective, pressuring of student dissidents is perpetrated by the administration, all talk of "student participation in the College's total life" is just so much rhetoric.

Furthermore, every student and faculty member should question why Fr. Haas went to all the trouble to have his letter printed up and distributed before 6 p.m. Monday. The answer will probably be very clear when it is remembered that the Student Congress was meeting at 6:30 p.m. The letter was an attempted power play to undercut student support for parietals, but Fr. Haas will soon find out that the semantics and the rhetoric he has been handing out for the past few years is not being bought anymore.



# Congress Clarifies Position on Coed Hours

(Ed. Note: The following statement is the text of a Student Congress clarification on its objectives and opinions concerning the issue of coed hours. The statement was unanimously approved by the Congress at its meeting on February 9.)

The recent controversy on the P.C. campus concerning the extension of evening coed hours has been plagued by rumors and misconceptions. It has further dramatized many of the basic problems which have impaired the proper growth of Providence College as a center of liberal education. The Student Congress, as the representative of the student body, wishes to make its position very clear. For once, the administration of P.C. must meet the just aspirations of the student body with concrete, rational argument rather than with vague allusions to a medieval Christian ethic.

The P.C. Student Congress deplores the present state of social life on campus. It is an insult to the integrity of every student, past and present, of this college when he is told by Fr. Haas that he is not morally equipped to entertain a guest of the opposite sex in his dormitory room. This is indeed deplorable. However, what is even more distressing is the

fact that at the least sign that the students are becoming increasingly aware of the many problems existing at Providence College, the administration retreats in fear and feels compelled to commence actions to stamp out disapproval of administration decisions.

Fr. Haas has stated in a recent handbook that, "mature men discover that wise rules are a guarantee of freedom and a protection of their own interests." The students of P.C. totally agree that wise rules are necessary. However, Fr. Haas goes on to state that in choosing Providence College, each student showed that he was mature enough to appreciate the "need for a manly and reasonable discipline." Why then does Fr. Haas greet so reluctantly the desire of the students to create an atmosphere at Providence College which will afford them the opportunity to grow both intellectually and socially as mature young men?

The Student Congress of P.C. has not refused to compromise on the issue of parietals, despite Fr. Haas' allusions to the contrary. It is Fr. Haas, not the Student Congress, who has added a "no-compromise" clause to the parietals bill. The

Student Congress has approached Fr. Haas with an open mind and a very real desire to arrive at a reasonable resolution of the problem of the absurd social conditions on campus. The Student Congress has negotiated with the best interests of the P.C. community at heart. They will continue to do so. They have been met by open ears, yet closed minds. It is the students of Providence College who are truly motivated to seek constructive change. The administration has deserted them.

There has been a great deal of speculation as to what action the Student Congress, as the representative of the student body, will undertake if the parietal request is flatly denied. The administration apparently expects violence and destruction. This is hardly consistent with their view that by matriculation at P.C., a student expresses his maturity. The Student Congress has not in the past nor will it in the future initiate, advocate, or support violence or destruction of any kind on the part of the student body. It is not the disruption of the present system that the Congress seeks, but the betterment of the system through reasonable, construc-

tive means. For the most part, it is the administration, not the student body, which has created the aura of fear and apprehension which exists on this campus.

Anyone who has studied the bill for the extension of evening coed hours can see that the students of P.C. have supported their request with rational argument. The administration clings to their antiquated view that a mature young man, by his very nature, cannot in most cases entertain a young lady in a bedroom without compromising his moral standards. With all due respect to Calvin, we disagree. Yet, we respect their right to its own opinion.

However, the parietal issue involves much more than just gaining the right to be able to entertain a young lady in a dormitory room. In its 1969-1970 handbook, the College states as the goal of all liberal education "the freeing of man's mind from the restraints of ignorance and the elevation of his spirit to an awareness of the values which enrich human life with dignity and significance." The administration seems to have lost sight of this objective. Our moral, social, and intellectual growth is being

shackled by a curious desire on the part of the administration to cling to the past. It is this ignorance which the Student Congress seeks to destroy, not Harkins Hall. Providence College is undergoing a crisis. It must change if it is to become a truly outstanding center of liberal education.

The dreadful social situation on campus is indicative of the lack of respect and feeling which the administration has for the needs and desires of the student body. Perhaps it is not parietals they oppose, but the increased maturity it will bring about in each student and the critical thought it symbolizes. The students of P.C. are united. Despite the administration's attempts to stop us, we will continue to think about and try to constructively change P.C. This new thinking on the part of the student body obviously has the administration worried. It is not as easy to stifle free thought as it is to defeat a parietals bill. To have the ability to think critically and to inquire freely is to have power. It is this power, not a torch, which the administration truly fears. It is this "student power" which will forge P.C.'s re-entry into the world of liberal education.

Jack Reed: Temporarily

## Returning from Vacation

It's amazing what can happen when someone takes a short vacation. Take my friend Milton who goes to a college in the Midwest and was forced to come home for about a month and a half. When he got back to the college, the entire place was in an uproar with threats of strikes, revolution, closing down the school and a few scattered rumors of the world coming to an end. Trying to piece it all together, poor Milton got so many conflicting stories that he gave up trying to figure out which one was right. Here's what happened, or at least as close as he can come:

The entire thing started when (choose one: a few radicals — Apache Indians — all of the above — none of the above) decided that they had a right to (paint the dorms red, white and blue — eat meat on Friday — kill a mockingbird — representation in administrative policy — blow up the campus barber shop). The issue on which they took their stand was (publication of a campus "nude" magazine — the right to have at least one member from each class line in the president's house — the right to have visiting hours for the opposite sex — the right to bring your mother with you when you move into the dorm). The administration, upon seeing this proposal said it was all in the hands of the (bartender of the local town — the United States government — the college trustees — the faculty wives — the faculty children). The faculty, upon hearing of the problem said they wanted no part of it because (they only come out when there is a full moon — they would be busy every day until April 17, 1983 — they were too busy denying tenure to anyone who moved — it really didn't concern them).

The group (see the first choices) who started it all then gave the powers-that-be exactly (ten minutes — three weeks — twenty-seven years) to come up

with a(n) (affirmative — negative — wishy-washy — all of the above — none of the above) answer. If they did not get the right answer when the time was up they would (go on a hunger strike — wear masks to class — do what they wanted (whatever that was) anyway — boycott Elvis Presley movies — get married). The administration, in turn, said that if the group (first choice) tried to (choice directly preceding) they (the administration) would (hold their breath until they turned blue — cause fire and brimstone to fall on the campus — close the school — open the

school — write a nasty letter to everyone's parents).

This is about where it stands right now. Milton says that a reliable source in the administration claims that (there's nothing to worry about — all hell will break loose any minute — the national guard will take over control of the school at midnight on February 12 — John Wayne has been secretly selected as the new president — the students are completely wrong — the students have a point). "This statement greatly relieves me," says Milton, "because, at last, the students and administration are in complete agreement."

## The Wisdom of...

By BERNARD F. MCKAY

The new decade has begun. The 1970's are going to mean something different to each of us; this decade will mean change for our country, our lives, and our college. The 1970's are looked to with a mixture of apprehension, anxiety, and yet much determination: these are differing emotions and contrasting states of mind, nevertheless, they represent the dominant attitudes among our people as the 1960's come to a close. If the '60's opened with hope, the '70's open with doubt.

In April 1968 Martin Luther King was shot. On the night of King's death, Senator Robert Kennedy gave an extemporaneous speech in an Indianapolis ghetto which later seems well-suited as a eulogy for Bob Kennedy himself. I would like to quote from that speech here, for it is not only about the black and white situation, but it is really about all of the troubles of this world; it represents something of a composite of what I believe a good many of us feel in looking back on the 1960's and in looking ahead to the 1970's, in looking back on

what we've lost and what we've gained, in looking ahead with hope, yes, but with ambivalence also.

"In this difficult day, in this difficult time for the United States, it is perhaps well to ask what kind of a nation we are and what direction we want to move in... We can move... in great polarization — black people amongst black, white people amongst white, filled with hatred toward one another.

"Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand and to comprehend, and to replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand with compassion and with love..."

"What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness, but love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within this country, whether they be white or they be black..."

## Comment: The Open Letter

By MICHAEL F. TRAINOR

Fr. Haas' open letter to the students and faculty is indicative in several ways of the present situation here at Providence College.

Initially, this missive suggests that perhaps at last the administration of this College has become seriously concerned with student discontent as evinced by the recent editorial in the COWL as well as by the determined efforts of the Student Congress towards the establishment of coed hours. This is probably in part due to the recent coverage given both matters in the local newspapers. Protect the image at any cost.

In another sense, the letter from Father Haas represents a rather frantic effort to prove that on a number of points the rulers of this College are working earnestly towards the general advancement of the College. I do not dispute this description, but what has not been forthcoming is a real commitment to realistic and equitable student and faculty participation in said advancement. For a number of years now this has been the principal thrust of student activism at this College, more so than any lobbying on a specific issue. Unfortunately, the rulers of this school have yet to do more than to beckon both students and faculty into a decision-making system weighted in many ways against them and entirely unsuitable to true participation of these parties in the governance of this school. Fr. Haas' letter was another restatement of the precept that the real clout in this College be reserved to the men in white, while other segments of the community be offered piecemeal appeasement.

What was perhaps most striking in Fr. Haas' message was the sudden appearance of a radical menace somewhere within the faculty and student body,

a menace that threatens the very existence of this College.

This was a rather deft performance on the part of Fr. Haas. I doubt anyone could realistically describe any part of this student body as radical. Leering, self-serving, SDS types simply do not exist on this campus, nor are they likely to appear in the foreseeable future. Yet the President of the College has somehow pulled them out of the woodwork, and he seems to feel that they present a threat to the College. Fr. Haas also took this occasion to ominously rumble about his stipulated, albeit warranted, obligations if such a threat did arise. I feel that this attitude of the President is to be deplored. Fr. Haas stated in his letter that "this is not the time to perpetuate or excite distrust or confusion." Yet the dredging up of a radical demonic element without, in my opinion, any justification in reality or fairness can only serve to increase the present tensions on this conclusion. It may be just one more link in a chain of events which will bring this year to a sorry conclusion.

I do not believe that Fr. Haas has aided the amelioration of present tensions now straining relationships between various segments of the PC community. His letter only seemed to restate the familiar insistence that students and faculty align their actions within the boundaries of a decision-making structure that they deem to be unfair and unrepresentative. In my opinion, his letter also constituted an unfair evaluation of the students. I cannot accept in any degree Fr. Haas' apparent opinion that a part of this student body is radical in the common understanding of the word, and to suggest that such an element does exist is eminently unfair, both to students and the College at large.



# Letters to the Editor

## Lackadaisical

To the Editor:

As the sister of a PC sophomore and a student at your sister school, Albertus Magnus College, I have been following your "fight" for parietals for the past two years. I too sense the frustration of the student body since Albertus shares the problem of a conservative religious administration although not to the degree you do. But as the arguments pro and con for parietals continue, disgust with all of PC's attitude toward the feminine sex has replaced sympathy. Both sides appear to hold the archaic notion that women are sex creatures only, to be used behind closed doors and dismissed at 2 a.m. Apparently no one on the Student Congress has mentioned the fact that relationships with women are not completely sexual relationships, that intimacy between a couple in a dorm at 1 a.m. does not have to begin nor end with intercourse or any related sexual behavior. The closed attitude on the role of women that seem to exist on PS's campus is only self-defeating.

Also, isn't it ironic that Albertus, a woman's college of less than 600 students, has openhouses on weekends when each house votes on it while Providence College, three times bigger than we are, is still fighting for this right — yes, right, not privilege. We no longer have nuns living in our dorms, no more housemothers, liberal curfews that we are trying to have eliminated, etc. etc. yet our president shares many of Father Haas's conservative views on the role of the Catholic college in today's world. The difference between our schools is that we are a dynamic student body who fight for what is believed in up to the point of physical confrontation — witness our boycott of the winter, 1967. We cannot accept a negative decision by the president when the student body with faculty support feels a certain right is due them as responsible women. Compromising on one's principles is a sign of weakness that is consistently appearing at PC. The time has come for you to re-examine your own feelings and attitudes and support an issue you believe in instead of

winning and complaining when the Student Congress produces nothing. Until that day of a firm stand by the student body on an important issue such as parietals, you will continue to be stepped on by your administration. When is Providence College's reputation as the home of a passive and lackadaisical student body going to end???

disgusted,

Francesen Lyons, '71  
Albertus Magnus College

## Student Position

An Open Letter to Students:

Having read Fr. Haas' open letter of February 9, we feel it necessary to evaluate our position as students of Providence College.

In reference to his statement about "just how ill-informed many individuals are" let us remind Fr. Haas of his ill-informed decision of one year ago to make on campus residence mandatory. This decision was made with complete disregard for student opinion. Fr. Haas admitted that he had no idea that the directive would cause such a reaction. We question whether this incident was a case of being ill-informed or perhaps executive prerogative. Maybe we could help Fr. Haas become better informed by advising him on the current problem of harassment of individual students by both faculty and administration.

As far as graduate records, let us simply mention that what happens to students as far as their academic careers are concerned is largely the result of their own effort and viewing the College in relationship to their own special interests would not seem illogical. Remember, college is what you make of it.

We would like to ask Fr. Haas where he received his information that students are planning to disrupt the library or dining hall as these two points were merely discussed at a Congress meeting and most important where he heard someone's office was going to be illegally entered. If Fr. Haas wasn't so ill-informed he would have known that the Student Congress immediately ruled out a class boycott as a means to coerce the administration. It was made clear that the issue was not academic and therefore any action taken would remain outside of the academic sphere.

As far as defying en masse college regulations, there comes a time in the course of human events when it becomes necessary to disregard laws that have become useless, that is to say have ceased to be "an ordinance of reason for the common good"; it has lost its community serving purpose. To quote Fr. Haas "no element of the college, regardless of its alleged reasons

for change, has a right unilaterally to prevent others from pursuing their legitimate objectives." There seems to be a discrepancy as to who decides what is and isn't legitimate.

We would like to ask Fr. Haas, "who has consistently championed student participation" if what seems to be a vast majority of student support for the Student Congress' bills will be taken into consideration when the decisions are reached by the administration?

In regards to Fr. Haas' plea not to perpetuate confusion we find the word choice of "perpetuate" quite appropriate in regards to past incidents between students and administration. Whenever a question as to policy arises it always seems to become a game of Who Do You Trust as far as information goes. When a failure to establish a reliable source of information arises there is no way to stop rumors from spreading. We are all familiar with the red tape involved in getting an answer on any thing from any office in the school. We have all made the trip from office to office at one time or another and with regards to this we thank Fr. Haas for his frankness and concern for clearing up any doubts we might have had.

From the content of Fr. Haas' open letter we can evaluate our position. Students are second class citizens of the College. They have been treated as such in the past and it seems as though it's about to happen again. Our only course of action must be to accept the administration's stand on everything. To follow their learned decisions without question and become a silent majority. We should take no active part in any policy making decisions because we never know when some student may turn out to be, unreasonable, illegal, violent, immature or vulgar.

"The dictatorship we must fear is that which disregards agreements, and destroy anything it does not like, regardless of the rights and responsibilities of others."

Concerned Students

## No Band

To the editor:

Tuesday evening, February 3, 1970, I observed a situation which deserves mentioning; that night at the Rhode Island Auditorium the P.C.-Brown hockey game was scheduled. As the arena filled with respective fans I noticed the lack of any representation from the P.C. Band (the Brown Band, however, was in full force). Yet, on the contrary, the Friar Band is faithfully present at all home basketball games.

The P.C. hockey team loyally carries the Providence name but it does not receive the same

loyalty from the school band which also carries the Providence name. Something is wrong!

Can it be that Providence College is a one-sport school and that ONE SPORT solely deserves the Band's support?

I think this problem warrants serious consideration. Providence College is not the name of a Basketball Team but rather the title for an institution of higher learning with various sports activities as only a secondary concern. Any extracurricular activity should be equally supported and respected by the student body, the administration and the alumni.

A fine, commendable hockey team needs and deserves proper support from the school it capably represents. Do you not agree?

Very truly yours,  
Patricia Renaldo

## Rebuttal

To the editor:

In his attack upon my article (Free the Panthers?) Dr. Lambe has provided an excellent example of what I meant by the myopia of the Left. Dr. Lambe seems to have missed the point of my article, which is that the Panther party and its liberal allies engage in the same racist activities as the society which they condemn. When opportunities arise to effect reforms beneficial to the whole society, they are ignored. When members of the Party take their activities outside the law, they seek to claim some kind of special exemption—and for the benefit of Dr. Lambe, those laws I refer to are the type that prohibit murder, and it would certainly be stretching the truth a bit to insist that such laws smack of racism or

political expediency.

I take exception to Dr. Lambe's observation that I have espoused the view "that because the Panthers are feared and hated they deserve the mistreatment they are getting," and that I was indulging my "fantasies about torture, violence, murder and hate." To his first observation I can only say that I would indeed be a miserable person to indulge in such callousness. To his second observation I simply point to the record—there was indeed a murder, preceded by torture. The crime was undoubtedly a crime of violence, and we would be amazingly naive to believe that there was no hate involved. Whatever fantasies I do indulge in, the above mentioned facts are not among them.

Our society does not need any more strife and hate. Many of the activities of the Panthers contribute to his ever growing fund of discord. The argument implicit in Dr. Lambe's letter, that because one side has frequently resorted to violence and racist privilege the other is entitled to as well, is totally invalid. The case of the New Haven Panthers can be decided only in a court of law. If the Party wishes to alleviate the conditions under which their brothers and sisters are being held it should do so by seeking to alleviate those conditions for all inmates, rather than claiming a special exemption on the basis of race and political belief.

To Dr. Lambe concerning selectivity in perception (read prejudice,) I would suggest that he turn to his own field of psychology and re-examine the nature of bias, and then apply his findings to himself.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Phelan, '71

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# Urban Council Aims To Relieve Problems

By STEVE FISHER

On Human Rights Day, February 5, Fr. Haas officially announced the formation of the Providence College Urban Council. According to Mr. Ben Laime, acting coordinator of the council, the general idea behind the council is to have an "interdisciplinary approach to faculty affairs with an eye to the urban problems to reach a holistic reality."

The major aim is to tap the various resources of the College to assist in the amelioration of urban problems within the Providence community. "It is clear that as an academic institution, Providence College, through its faculty, students and alumni, has capabilities in research, planning, and manpower which could be readily and meaningfully applied to the alleviation of urban problems." It is the hope of the Council to be able to direct and locate these resource. Questionnaires will be distributed to the faculty and student body to procure a resource file from which the Council can draw willing and talented contributors.

The council also wishes to direct the efforts of the numerous urban projects which are currently being carried on by members of the College community. It feels that, with their voluntary cooperation, it has a meaningful role to play as the coordinator of these different programs, fulfilling the particular needs of these groups in

any way that it can. The council will be searching for any contributions; people will be needed to serve on the committees and projects, possibly on a pay basis.

Another purpose of the urban council is to contribute to the educational process of the Providence College campus. By creating a forum for community people, by experimenting with urban-directed developments in curricula, and by the creation of a general social consciousness throughout the College community, the council hopes to add a significant dimension to the learning process at Providence College. It is hoped that interest will be stimulated via films and guest speakers dealing with urban problems. The council will make efforts to "explore the avenues of how to obtain more Black and Indian students and more funding of scholarships."

Finally, the council will be in coordination with existing organizations with similar objectives. The function of the council in this area will be to deal with others, not to duplicate what others have done. It is the hope of the council that lines of communication and a spirit of cooperation can be built between these organizations and the Providence College urban council towards the improvement of the Providence urban problems. All meetings are open and anyone who wishes to help may contact Mr. Laime at Meagher 10.



The International Association of Providence College initiated its activities for the second semester with a party in Aquinas Lounge Friday evening. Guests at the party included Dr. and Mrs. Rene Fortin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deleppo, Frs. Shanley, Dimock, McAlister and Coskren, who read a selection of his favorite poetry.

The affair was well attended

by students from Europe, Asia and South America, as well as North Americans. The International atmosphere was enhanced by a selection of wines from across the globe, as well as music from many nations. American music was represented by the folk songs of Terry, Judy and Jimmy, of Wooden Naval fame. Both the students and faculty members enjoyed themselves and appreciated the

opportunity to meet on a social basis.

The Association's future plans consist, tentatively, of a radio appearance by several of our foreign students to give their impressions and observations of life and learning in America, as well as other topics they wish to speak about, and an international dinner, to be held sometime in March.

## Co-ed Report...

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ing problem presented by an all male Providence College is evident, according to the report, in the results of a survey conducted by Robert Purich, College Director of Admissions. Of those students who refused acceptance to the College last year 30% mentioned their intention to attend a coed institution instead.

"If Providence College did become coeducational..." Purich is quoted as saying, "...it seems logical that the criteria for admission would be somewhat more selective."

Moreover, reports the committee, in a Student Congress sponsored survey involving 62% of the student body, 53% of the sample indicated that they would not recommend Providence College as it exists to an academically eligible brother, while 86% felt that coeducation would

have a positive effect on P.C.'s ability to attract qualified male applicants.

Moving to the sphere of the already existing Providence College student environment, the committee report again cites the Congress survey stating that 48% of the sample look upon the social life at P.C. as unsatisfactory and 74% view the influx of coeds as enlarging and enriching their cultural and social activities.

Agreeing with the survey findings, the report sees coeducation as effectively combating the "John Wayne complex" prevalent on campus by providing male students at Providence College with the female atmosphere necessary for the development of their masculine identity.

Feminine presence on campus would, according to the report, provide peer group approval of cultural activities and would

help support male exploration of such "seemingly 'feminine' behavior as developing aesthetic sensitivity."

Most importantly, coeducation would change the Providence College male's attitude to the opposite sex, making it easier for him "to realize women as friends, in the light, and not solely as lovers, in the dark."

Despite its affirmative attitude towards coeducation however, the report recognizes and confronts certain problems involved in the transformation from a unisexual to a bisexual institution.

Various new fields of study such as a Fine Arts Department and a Communicative Arts Department should be created to correlate the College's curriculum with feminine interests.

Coed identity at P.C. may prove a problem initially, but the report expresses the hope that if enough "very mature and very independent" young women are admitted to the College as both resident and commuter students during the first year of change, the difficulty of assimilating them should be minimal.

"The drawbacks to coeducation do exist," the report concludes, "but the advantages are so overwhelming that Providence College must become coeducational at the earliest possible date."

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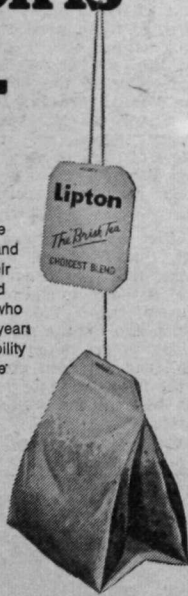
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## Curriculum Report . . .

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course, the committee recommended that it be designed to present the major developments in the cultural history of Western civilization from the classical period to the present. Members of the English, history, philosophy, and religious studies departments would prepare and teach the course.

Other general degree requirements suggested by the committee include "Foundations of Modern Science" (6 hours), a social science elective (6 hours), and six hours each of philosophy and religious studies.

The modern science course would be required for all students except those majoring in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, or psychology. It would normally be completed in the sophomore year.

The social science elective is intended for freshman year, with an introductory course in the nature, methods, and problems of the social sciences, to be followed by a semester elective course in one of the following areas: economics, political science, sociology, or anthropology. In regard to the philosophy and religious studies requirements, the committee gave seven specific recommendations.

The first was that the departments should meet and determine the basic concepts which they consider absolutely essential for all students to understand clearly. These concepts would then be woven into the fabric of the two-year programs in Western civilization and will be presented at a time and in a sequence determined by the nature of that program.

Also suggested was that a student in his junior and senior years be given the opportunity to study in depth the thought of a particular philosopher or to investigate in depth some particular moral problem or some idea of particular religious significance.

The remaining recommendations called for cross-referencing of courses so that a course given in one area might substitute for a religious studies or philosophy requirement, and for the offering of a wide selection of religious studies courses, some of which would be purely aesthetic while others would be informational. The committee proposed that all Catholic students should be required to take six elective hours of philosophy as well as six elective hours of religious studies.

Non-Catholic students could take the above option or take 12 hours of philosophy. The committee also encouraged the development of a variety of team-taught, interdisciplinary courses among such areas as philosophy, religious studies, history, English, and the social, rational, and behavioral sciences.

Another requirement calls for the replacement of the present English composition requirement. It is proposed that a) all incoming students be required to submit scores received on the CEEB English achievement; b) students revealing deficiencies in this test will be encouraged to take remedial composition work during the summer before their freshman year; c) students who reveal persistent

composition deficiencies will be required to establish proficiency through a non-credit informal program, followed, if necessary, by an additional summer course after the freshman year; d) any student who does not establish proficiency before the beginning of his sophomore year will be subject to academic review.

Concerning the departments, the Committee suggests that "apart from a limitation of no more than two concentration courses each semester during the last two years, no additional limitations on the departmental degree requirements for majors are recommended."

The Committee also stated that each department should have autonomy in determining the degree requirements for majors.

Other recommendations suggested by the Committee include the study of the feasibility of merging the departments of Business and Economics, with the view to eliminating existing overlapping between them; that students desiring to take particular courses in Education be permitted to do so; that a Committee composed of representatives of the departments of History, English, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, and Religious Studies should be established for the purpose of planning a course on Afro-American studies for implementation by Sept. 1970 and that the entire grading system be made subject of a special study.

The Report was presented to the Faculty yesterday for informational purposes and will also be discussed with students.

After this, the Faculty Senate will discuss it and take recommendations. These recommendations will be submitted to the president for his approval. The president does not have the option of submitting them to the Corporation, however.

The report is the result of over two years' work, from 1967 to the present. At its inception, six people were on the Committee and eight including students, were added during the academic year 1968-69.

On June 2, 1967, Fr. Haas established the ad hoc Curriculum Study Committee. This group began its regular meetings in Oct. 1967 and during that academic year met 26 times, mostly with departmental chairmen and departmental representatives. An interim report on the Committee's progress was submitted to the president, the department chairmen, the director of programs, and the president of the Faculty Senate on Oct. 24, 1968.

During the academic year 1968-69, the Committee held 22 meetings and conducted 17 open hearings on various departmental and general degree requirement courses.

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City of Providence, No. 9, responded to a fire of suspicious origin which originated in the basement of Stephen Hall last Friday evening. The fire was reported to the police by the Rev. Michael E. Werner at ap-

proximately 9:40 p.m. Police and firemen found a pile of rubbish stashed against a wall in the basement. In addition, a box of wooden matches was found nearby, leading officials to conclude that the fire definitely

was set by arsonists. The crew of No. 9 was able to squelch the fire before it posed any real threat to the dorm; damage to the wall of the basement was considered slight.

## New Film Course Draws On Talent of Fr. Rover

By GARRY J. KIERNAN

The Rev. Dominic Rover has experienced a life perhaps of greater notability than most members of the Dominican Order. Having studied drama at

### Human Rights . . .

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man has all his inalienable rights can anyone take full credit.

Fr. William Haas, the President of Providence College, spoke at this affair on the development of the Urban Coalition on the Providence College Campus as another step in the college's attempt to help the problems of man. This is an effort of the right kind.

Perhaps the most important speaker of the evening and a man who was ridiculed for his manner of speaking was a speaker from the SCLC. This speaker wondered what this State had done in the wake of King's death even with this legislation. He said that "we could say nice words about King, but nothing was being done to improve the human rights of man," which is what King wanted most of all. That will be the true test of our admiration for Dr. King. Whether or not we carry out his "dream."

Yale University under the somewhat celebrated Robert Penn Warren, author of *All the King's Men*, Fr. Rover employed his talents in casting and writing for several years in New York City. A member of one of the early premier off-Broadway theatrical groups, known as the "Black Friars," he was the author of four full length plays, each of which had a run of ten to fourteen weeks. Three of these were of a religious nature; one, a drama of the life of Thomas More, a predecessor to the noteworthy *Man For All Seasons*, followed by a story of Maryknoll Missionary sisters, and then a drama of contemporary rectory life. The fourth was a non-religious comedy on social workers.

After spending two years with this theatrical company, Father Rover was sought by the head of the radio and television office of the NCCM, a council responsible for the periodic religious programming of ABC, NBC, and CBS. In the course of the following eight years, he was the creator of ten television scripts.

With such a creditable record,

indeed Fr. Rover should find it a relative pleasure to display his proficiency in the novel film course, under the direction of the religious studies department. This program will cover film history, techniques, and the interpretation of various films. Its main goals are to stimulate search for the self, for community, and for God. Such films as "Alfie," "On the Waterfront," and "East of Eden" will be used in this course, and it should certainly prove to be a favorable renovation.

### Kevin Smith Wins

### Bermuda Vacation

Senior Kevin Smith, a resident of Albany, New York, was the winner of the senior class raffle held in order to help defray the expenses of commencement weekend. Smith will be awarded a trip for two to Bermuda or \$340 in cash, the cash value of the trip. The winning ticket, picked by senior class moderator Fr. Paul Walsh, was the only ticket purchased by Smith.

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# Hoop Leagues Remain Stable

Intramural and dorm league action continued on this past week with no major upsets or lead changes occurring.

Thursday's intramural slate saw the Upstate New York Club squeeze past the Dillon Club Zig Zags, 27-25. Met C bombed Greater Hartford, 34-23. The Student Congress, behind Kevin McGrath, downed New Jersey C, 40-28, and in the feature game of the evening, undefeated Met B edged the New Bedford Spartans, 44-43. Former Friar grid star, C. J. Bruce climaxed a successful hardwood comeback by scoring 14 points and compiling many assists. Bruce

was capably aided by Brian Hussey and Tom Leahy. The favored Spartans were paced by Paul Gillis, and Jack Scanlon.

In action Monday, the Dillon Club Freaks nipped the Upstate N.Y. Peace Corps 40-39 on a basket by Pete D'Ambrosio with five seconds left in the game. D'Ambrosio with 14 points and Pete Gobis with 11 paced the Freaks attack. The Corps' attack was led by the sharp shooting of Lenny Miragliuolo who poured in 22 points. The Attleboro Bandits A tripped the Rat Pack 35-33. Tony Gazola and C.W. respon led the Bandit attack. New Jersey B.

with Hopkins, Sullivan, and Lynch leading the way downed East Providence A 49-37. Ryan, Brady, and Maia starred for E.P. The Attleboro Bandit B teamed downed the Dillon Club Heads 44-27, as Spoon, Skinner, and Gabby excelled for the Bandits. And New Jersey A. continued undefeated with an 86-50 win over Hartford C. Only leading 37-22 at the half, the fine play of Conway, Molinaro, Millinowicz, and Donahue proved to be too overpowering, and led to the victory.

Dorm League action saw the Diddlers and the Freeps continue undefeated through Thursday's action as the Diddlers won by forfeit, and the Freeps behind Denny Gorman, Brian Dobbins, and Bob Kelly tripped the Ragmen 49-34. The Treks behind Mario's 18 points and Jack Scanlon's 16 points edged the Frogs 65-64. T. Barrakos with 22 points and J. Boccio with 15 points led the Frog scoring. The Mystic Knights paced by Bill Mullen and Marty Roach scored an easy victory over the Vertical Smiles 63-36. In Division II, the Headmen downed the Incessant Ones 52-21. Crawford with 17 points and Cunningham with 11 led the Headmen scoring.

On Monday three of the prime contenders all took the courts to keep pace. The Diddlers of Jack McCarty destroyed G.I.Q. by 86-26. The Diddlers led 39-10 at halftime and the game belonged to the subs or anyone who felt like playing the second half. The Diddlers, 7-0, met the unbeaten Freeps, Tuesday to break the first place deadlock. In other games, the Mystic Knights boosted their record to 6-1, behind the Diddlers and Freeps, with a 56-51 win over the Frogs. The underdog Frogs did surprisingly well under the boards against the taller Knights of Mullen, Roach and Kevin Smith, and hit well from the outside. Gappo remained tied with the Ragmen in fourth place (5-2) with a 58-44 triumph over the 4th. Gappo was paced in scoring by Joe Miteie, Butch Blais, and Joe Martone.

## Hockey . . .

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kicked away beautifully, much to the dismay of the Friars.

Providence was hurt by a rash of penalties midway in the second period which led to the two Brown scores. Chris Ciceri went off for interference, and then Glenn Collard was whistled off for a debatable tripping infraction. Brown scored a goal here with the Friars two men short. They registered another goal with Bosco off even though their Bennett was also in the box on the double penalty. The Friars did well in penalty killing outside of this streak, with the aggressive Ciceri, Skip Sampson and Mike Leonard standing out. Brian Reynolds played quite well in the goal, being beaten badly only on the first Brown score.

The Friars take on New Hampshire tonight at the Auditorium. This is a game the Friars must take. The team's record stands at 9-7-2 overall, but only 6-6-2 in the ECAC. Boston University, Cornell, and Clarkson appear certain to clinch a bid in the eight team ECAC tourney, and the Friars will have to fight it out with UNH, BC, St. Lawrence and Brown for the remaining spots.

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SPORTSDESK

By ED SKIBER

That grand old post season tournament, the National Invitational event, will take place in approximately five weeks, and during this time span there will be tons of scouting, reviewing and headaches for the tournament selection committee in order to create a representative field.

One of the major difficulties confronting the committee is analyzing a particular school's record; to decide, by comparing with other teams' schedules, whether the record is justifiably good or bad. If a school's record is quite outstanding, the NCAA tournament usually lands the team; if its bad, naturally they are not even considered. So it's the borderline season records, the 20-5's to 16-8's that the N.I.T. seriously weighs.

Many basketball fans could object to the inclusion of a team with as many as eight or even nine losses to their slate. In 1968 Dayton University received a last minute invitation to the tournament despite finishing the year at 16-9. This is certainly not an imposing record, but the committee took other factors into consideration. Dayton was rated in the preseason top 20, they had an outstanding senior All-American, Don May, and their schedule was one of the most difficult in the country. The Flyers were a definite gate attraction, and the committee felt they were better than some teams with better records. The Flyers were. They won the tournament.

Another problem facing the tourney directors in bringing together teams of high caliber, is conference limitation. Up to 1967 virtually all of the teams involved were independent, non-conference schools. The N.I.T. expanded to sixteen that year and admitted more conference runners-up than normal. Some conferences, such as the Big Ten, do not let anyone but the winning team participate in post-season action, but in '67, Atlantic Coast Conference Duke, and Big Eight Nebraska, both second place finishers, accepted N.I.T. bids and the tournament looked as competitive as ever before. Surprisingly, Duke, a favorite, and Nebraska lost in the opening round.

The tournament has had a problem recently in not being able to come up with a thrilling, down-to-the-wire final. In the last three years Southern Illinois, Dayton and Temple have all won quite easily and methodically. This season the tournament could be the most exciting of them all if the N.I.T. had the pick of the entire country, after the NCAA, without any limitation.

It's no secret that New York wants Pistol Pete Maravich on display and if LSU has anywhere near an acceptable record, they will be entered; this, despite the fact that the Tigers could finish as low as fourth in their Southeast Conference. The N.I.T. will also go after Purdue and Rick Mount, if they lose in the Big Ten to Illinois, but this will be a break in tradition. Niagara, with Calvin Murphy, could finally make the tournament. Excluding the champion, three teams in the ACC, (the field of South Carolina, North Carolina and State and Duke) could be eligible and perhaps win, the tournament.

Because of the national championship, the N.I.T. is second fiddle to the NCAA tourney, but this year it could be quite the showcase. How then, will the committee evaluate a possible Providence College invitation?

The Friars are 10-8 and have practically come to the point of no return. Yet the team could lose Saturday to St. Bonaventure (this appears to be the general consensus), and still have an outside chance to get in, provided they sweep their remaining six contests. Some factors will be on our side. One will be our past success in this tournament. Six straight wins at season's end will be very impressive, as is our triumphs over St. John's and Villanova, two prime tournament teams.

Negative factors include erratic performances (losses to St. Joe's, Syracuse and UMass), a decline in the early season scoring power, and the fact that other independents may have better records altogether (and there are, unfortunately quite a few schools ahead of us).

It's a very long shot for the Friars making the N.I.T., but if they fail for the third straight year, don't miss the tourney. It should be a slam-bang affair.

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# Hoopsters Startle Wildcats But Lose To Taller Dukes

by JOE DELANEY

Last week Dave Gavitt's Friars proved that lightning can strike twice in the same place, but not even David had to face two Goliaths in battle.

The second bolt of lightning was a result of the local heroes best game of the season while upsetting the Villanova Wildcats, Wednesday, 54-44. Then on Saturday, facing a tall Duquesne five in Pittsburgh, the Friars determination and poise could not offset the presence of the 6' 10" Nelson twins. The Dukes won 70-66.

Against Villanova the Friars displayed extraordinary patience on offense while working for the good shot against one of the best zone defenses in the nation. Wildcat coach Jack Kraft said after the game, "They played a steady game all the way and were just as cool and calm in their maneuvering right to the finish."

Strategic substituting by Gavitt and Ray Johnson's great rebounding job payed off in dividends for the Friars. Inserting Vic Collucci after four minutes gone in the game proved profitable. With the junior

sharpshooter hitting three bombs from his favorite spot in the left corner, the Friars stayed even with the Main Liners.

With the tenacious Howard Porter and Fran O'Hanlon hitting, the lead exchanged hands four more times until Jim Larranaga and Don Lewis collaborated to give the Friars a three point lead at halftime. PC shot only 39% with Porter blocking numerous shots. He was to collect 26 rebounds for the entire game.

The Friars opened up a five point lead in the early stages of the second stanza, before Porter began to assert himself more on offense. Villanova ran up eight straight points with 11:12 left.

Gavitt made the big move to get more scoring punch in. Gary Wilkins was inserted and he was to come up with a couple of key baskets.

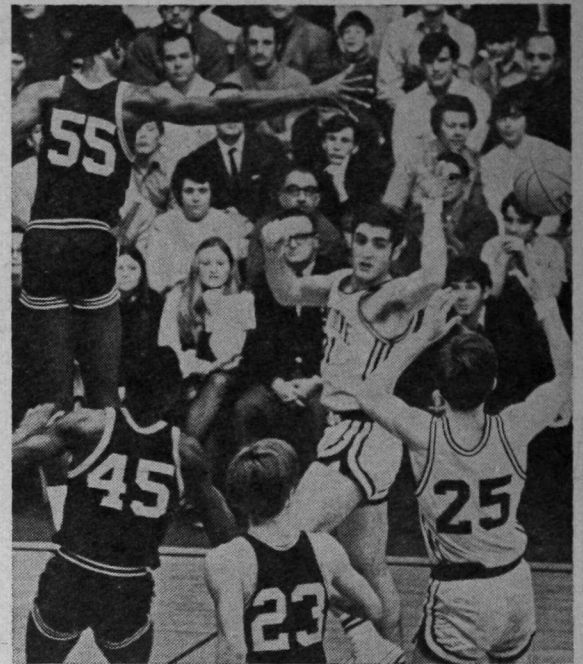
When O'Hanlon fouled out with 4:10 left, the Wildcats lost their top ballhandler. Villanova managed to edge past the Friars, but two key baskets by Larranaga and Wilkins put PC in front by three. Two key free

throws by Walt Violand at :48 put the game points for the final margin.

Duquesne came into Saturday's game having won six of their last seven. They had not lost a home game in two years. Don Lewis and Larranaga tried to pin a loss by early hot shooting. The Dukes took over at the eleven minute mark on a basket by soph forward Mickey Davies, 17-16.

Sharpshooting by Davies and Jarrett Durham (19 pts. per game) and control of the boards by the Nelson twins seemed to spell curtains for Providence. The Friars, though finished with eight straight points, behind Lewis and Larranaga, for a 34-32 deficit at intermission.

Gary Nelson and Durham led the Dukes charge at the second half tip-off but Lewis and Wilkins, who did not play at all in the first half, brought Providence to within six with 12 minutes left. PC's defense got porous and the Dukes increased their bulge to 52-40 and the Friars had to get moving. At this point the Friars closed the



Walt Violand avoids the menacing figure of Villanova's Howard Porter by passing to Jim Larranaga.

—COWLphoto by Tom McGuire

gap to three points which would be the closest they would ever get. Three outside shots by Lewis, Collucci and Larranaga closed the margin to 55-52.

Sensing an opportunity to catch the Dukes, Providence then made the big mistakes of fouling Duquesne in an effort to catch up. This defensive strategy, combined with some cold shooting by the visitors, resulted in the Dukes running off eleven straight markers for a 66-52 lead with two minutes left.

In this game of nip and tuck Larranaga and Wilkins got hot once again. Both combined to score eight straight points, but it was a matter of too little, too late, and not enough in between. Time ran out on the Friars.

The Friars bring their 10-8

record into the St. Bonaventure's Olean, New York den. The Friars will once again be on regional television, but this game is more of an opportunity for the fans to see big Bob Lanier and his size 18 E sneakers. Actually, the Bonnies, who are ranked fourth in the nation and have lost only to Villanova by two points, have some players who complement Lanier greatly.

Matt Gantt is a 6' 5" sophomore who has helped big Bob under the boards and has scored quite consistently. Billy Kalbaugh is a fine playmaker and can score from way out with a deadly one hand push. The Bonnies will also remember last season's disastrous 70-59 loss at the hands of the Friars in Providence.

# Brown Pucksters Avenge Loss; Terrier Icemen Trounce Friars

Providence College hockey took a serious turn for the worse in its bid to gain an ECAC post-season berth as Brown and Boston University turned back the scrappy pucksters this past week at the Rhode Island Auditorium. The Friars attempted to snap the four game losing streak in a game against the University of Vermont at Burlington, Tuesday.

Boston University came into the Auditorium Friday riding the crest of a winning streak which has seen them capture ten of their last 11 meetings.

The Terriers were simply amazing in this contest as they left little doubt about who the superior team was. They played their lanes well on offense, backchecked effectively, and displayed the outstanding posi-

tion hockey that is a trademark of Coach Jack Kelley.

The Terriers led at the end of the first period, 3-1, with Eric Dixon being the only Friar to dent the net, admirably manned by Tim Reagen. Boston University increased that margin to 6-1 at the end of the second 20 minutes of play, and only Dixon's second goal, and third in his last two games, brought the final margin to six goals.

Standing out for the Terriers along with goalie Reagen, and wing Sterling, was Mike Hyndman. Hyndman is normally up front on one of BU's outstanding lines, but Coach Kelley had him on defense for this game and he played it like a veteran. Hyndman also played like a Bobby Orr by scoring one goal

and assisting on four others.

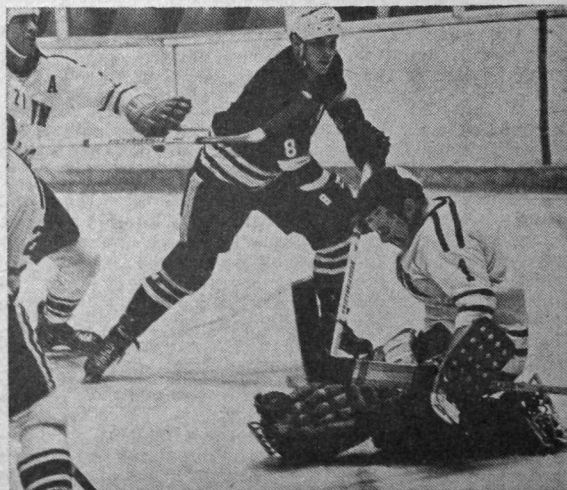
The Brown game was a grudge game all the way. PC upset Brown earlier in the year at Meehan Auditorium and had a two game win streak on the Bruins counting last year's 4-2 win. The game was played in a slight drizzle due to the surprisingly large amount of rain which fell through the leaky roof of the Auditorium.

The game was rough from the opening faceoff and it appeared a full scale brawl was in order quite early. The Friars were hitting hard and took the early initiative, but it was the Bruins who got the first goal midway in the first period. With a roaring bunch of PC rooters in the crowd of 3,000 cheering the home team on enthusiastically, the Friars came right back to knot the game on a tip in by Dixon. No further scoring took place in the period.

The second period was dominated by the Bruins. John Bennett opened the scoring early for Brown, but the Friars rugged soph, Tony Bosco, stole the puck in the Brown defensive zone and rammed it by Don McGinnis for the equalizer, just 30 seconds after Bennett's goal. Brown began to pour it on and registered the game winning and insurance tallies on goals by Curt Bennett, the All Ivy standout for the Bruins, and Gilbaine.

The Friars seemed to slow down considerably in the third period, but perhaps this was due to the condition of the ice. Brown, though, played 20 minutes of defensive hockey and would not allow the Friars many scoring attempts in preserving their two goal advantage. McGinnis was particularly good in the cage throughout the contest, and whatever serious shots the Friars got off, he

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Tony Bosco battles Brown goalie Don McGinnis. Bosco scored PC's second goal on the play.

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# Frosh Hoop Record 15-1; Skater Six Succumb Twice

By ED PAGLIA

The Providence College freshmen quintet upped their record to an eye opening 15-1 with impressive victories over the U.R.I. and Stonehill frosh teams. In each game the charges of coaches William O'Connor and Richard Whelan were led to victory mainly through the efforts of the DiGregorio-Costello-King triumvirate.

U.R.I. proved to be no match for the highly polished machine of P.C. Ernie DiGregorio, content to fill the role of the playmaker, settled for only 7 points while assisting Fran Costello in scoring 43. Nehru King played his usual game at both ends of the court, finishing the night with 15 points and a host of rebounds. The final score read 84-60.

Against Stonehill, a team which had lost to us by only 1 point previously, P.C. proved that the initial contest was a fluke. Although the first half was marked by the ragged and lethargic play of the P.C. frosh, they still managed to salvage a slim lead as the half ended. The second half surge was led by the marksmanship of Ernie DiGregorio who finished the night

with 29 points. Costello and King "chipped" in with 19 and 22 point efforts respectively. Adept ballhandling by Billy Sullivan and strong board work and ball-hawking by Ned Cullinan proved to be the undoing of the Stonehill frosh as they ultimately fell 82-69.

The Friar freshmen hockey squad suffered two defeats the past week, one at the hands of the Brown frosh by a score of 7-5 and the other to the talented sextet of B.U. 8-0. Against Brown the frosh struck early, jumping out to a 3-1 lead. However, the outmanned Friar force were finally worn down by the three full lines the Brown frosh were able to put on the ice. The lone bright spot for the P.C. rooters was the continued good play of Gary Williamson and Gerry Fitzgerald. Williamson tallied 1 goal and 1 assist while Fitzgerald finished the night with 2 scores and an assist. Whereas the P.C. freshmen hockey team was outmanned by the Brown sextet, they were simply outclassed by B.U.'s talented squad. B.U. shot out to a 3-0 first period score, the second stanza closed at 6-0, and the final read 8-0. The frosh pucksters closed out the week with a 2-7-1 record.